

SENATE RESOLUTION 135  
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Joseph William Bartges  
for his meritorious service to the citizens of  
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize those individuals who, through an unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves in their respective fields of expertise; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Dr. Joseph William Bartges, a distinguished scholar and recognized authority in veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bartges has served as a professor and veterinarian with the utmost acumen and alacrity for many years, earning the respect of his colleagues and the members of his community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born on May 10, 1961 in Charleston, West Virginia, Joseph Bartges graduated from Charleston Catholic High School, and he attended Marshall University on a wrestling scholarship; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, Joseph Bartges graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Marshall University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bartges met his future wife, Carol Gilbert, in 1980 at Marshall University, and he, Carol, and another student formed the Joe Bartges Band, playing regularly at the student center, local bars, and concerts; and

WHEREAS, accepted to the University of Georgia Veterinary School, Joseph Bartges was joined in holy matrimony to Carol in the spring of 1983; and

WHEREAS, during his junior year at the University of Georgia Veterinary School, Dr. Bartges received the Salisbury Scholarship for academic achievement, a prestigious and generous scholarship which paid for his senior year of veterinary school; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bartges received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1987 and earned an internship at the University of Minnesota, where he completed a one-year internship, a five-year residency in Veterinary Urology with a specialty in Animal Nutrition, and a one-year post doctoral associate internship; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Joseph Bartges began his career in academia and research with the University of Georgia as an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bartges was hired by the University of Tennessee as an Associate Professor in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences in 1997, and he was promoted to full Professor and the Acree Endowed Chair of Small Animal Research in 2002; the Acree Endowment is the largest private donation to a Veterinary school in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Dr. Bartges has spoken at universities and national and international meetings in Russia, Sweden, Germany, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Holland, Italy, Australia, South Africa, and Austria; and

WHEREAS, making immeasurable contributions to veterinary science, Joseph Bartges has garnered over \$6,954,000 in research funding, and he and other faculty have received more than \$502,000 in monetary gifts for scientific research; and

WHEREAS, an erudite and prolific researcher and writer, Dr. Bartges has been the first or second author on 41 Refereed Journal Articles, 35 Research Abstracts, 23 Review Articles, and 25 Textbook Chapters; he is also a contributing author on an additional 23 Refereed Journal Articles, 16 Research Abstracts, 18 Review Articles, and 6 Textbook Chapters; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and talents to numerous professional and civic organizations and activities, Dr. Bartges holds a Board Certification as Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and the American College of Veterinary Nutrition, and he received a Certificate of Achievement from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Veterinary Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Bartges received the Alpha Tau Omega Thomas Arkle Clarke Award in 1983; the James O. Scaiffe Outstanding Junior Award in 1986; the Upjohn Award for Clinical Proficiency, Small Animal in 1987; the Dean Emeritus Thomas J. Jones Award for Outstanding Senior in 1987; the University of Georgia Alumni Association Young Achiever's Award in 1997; the IRIS Award for Young Investigator in Area of Nephrology in 1999; the Investigator Award for Presentation on Stone Disease in Animals, Urolithiasis in 2000; the University of Tennessee Award for Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement in 2000; the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Excellence in Research in 2000; the Pfizer Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in 2000; and the University of Tennessee/Oak Ridge National Laboratory Science Alliance Research Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bartges was also recognized by *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities* in 1982 and 1986; the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1986, 1988 and 1990; *Who's Who Among Veterinary Science and Medical Students* in 1991; *Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans* in 1991; Two Thousand Notable American Men in 1992, 1993, and 1994; *Who's Who in Veterinary Medicine Higher Education* in 2003; and the *Strathmore's Who's Who* in 2004; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Joseph Bartges is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Carol, and their marriage has been blessed with wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Bartges epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Bartges has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor Dr. Joseph William Bartges for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee, commend him upon his dedication to professional and academic excellence, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.